



Last Call: Please Join Us on International Women's Day



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Director

It is a simple equation:
Sequestration + March
1st Deadline = Drastic
Long-Term Program
Cuts.

The projected impact
on Kentucky has been
provided by:

- [The White House](#)
- [Coalition on Human Needs](#)
- [Center for American Progress](#)
(beginning on p. 5
are tables with esti-
mated cuts for each
state & to specific
program/services
areas by state.
*Example: Women's
Health & Child
Care, p. 15*)
- National Partner-
ship for Women &
Families: [Violence
Against Women
Act](#)—VAWA grant-
ees have been
notified Sequestra-
tion would cut \$20
million and "For
grant programs,
the sequestration
budget reductions
will affect FY 2013
funding levels for
OVW's programs
across the board.

The Americana Community Center in partnership with the Office for Women is pleased to present the International Women's Day Luncheon at Americana Community Center on March 8, 2013. International Women's Day is a world wide movement to show appreciation and respect for all women and to raise awareness of sexual violence against women.

This year, we will be presenting awards to 5 outstanding immigrant and refugee women in our community who have been of great support and/or advocates for their communities. The women who will be receiving awards will exemplify community leadership in our refugee and international community.

Award luncheon details:

Friday, March 8, 11:30 AM-1:00PM

Americana Community Center, 4801 Southside Dr.
Louisville, 40214

\$10 donation requested - no one will be turned
away RSVP: dana@americanacc.org

About IWD . . .

"We do have female astro-
nauts and prime ministers,
school girls are welcomed into
university, women can work
and have a family, women
have real choices. And so the
tone and nature of [IWD](#) has, for the past few
years, moved from being a reminder about the
negatives to a celebration of the positives."



[International Women's Day](#) was first observed
in 1911 in Austria, Denmark, Germany and
Switzerland. More than one million women and
men attended rallies on that first commemora-
tion. In 1975, during International Women's
Year, the United Nations began

Yarmuth Speaks on VAWA and Supervised Visitation

Contributed by: Kathryn Tillett, Community Outreach

I recently heard Congressman John Yarmuth at the Center for Women and Families (CWF) advocating for reauthorization of VAWA (the Violence Against Women Act), which was allowed to expire over 500 days ago. Yarmuth, CWF's, Marta Miranda, Marissa Castellanos from Catholic Charities' human trafficking program, and Shannon, a CWF client all spoke movingly of the critical role VAWA funding plays in services supporting survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking.

Yarmuth and Miranda pointed out that after being enacted in 1994, VAWA led to a more than a 50% reduction in domestic violence rates and to public economic savings that exceed funding costs nearly 10 to 1 (for details, see this [2012 Bureau of Justice Statistics report](#) and this National Network to End Domestic Violence [fact sheet](#)).

It was great to hear the Congressman identify supervised visitation as a vital component of keep-
ing survivors and their families safe, since this

preventative service is rarely foremost on people's
minds until there is a [crisis](#). In our area, the Louisville
Metro Visitation and Exchange Center ([LMVEC](#))
relies primarily on VAWA funding through the [Safe
Havens grant program](#), which is supplemented by
support from Louisville Metro Government and
in-kind contributions from our [collaborative](#) partners.

LMVEC is fortunate to have
been awarded multiple con-
tinuations of its Safe Havens
grant since first receiving the
funds in 2003. Having
VAWA in jeopardy reminds
us that we can't expect the
Safe Havens grant money to
always be around. As a com-
munity, we need to devise
sustainable funding that will
allow LMVEC to continue
protecting families.





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The [Sumannat Project](#) has raised \$6,000 of their \$10,000 goal. Ron Lehocky pledged to match up to \$10,000. Ron is a Louisville pediatrician and artist whose 20,000 handmade [polymer clay hearts](#) raise money "one heart at a time" for Kids Centre Pediatric Therapies.

The Samunnat Project in Nepal assists victims of abuse and wants to provide a safe place to live, advocacy and a mans for the women to become self-sufficient. This project is a shining example of what can happen when we have heart.

The women in the Project [are victims of abuse and some are refugees](#). A small international network of artists are assisting the the Project which offers a model for other communities.

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OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEMINIST SOCIAL CHANGE ARTISTS ACROSS THE STATE: Kentucky Foundation for Women. [Grant Opportunities](#), Deadline: March 1

Kentucky Women Remembered Ceremony

Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 1:00 p.m. in the Capitol Rotunda, Frankfort, Kentucky.

This year's honorees are:

Lois Howard Gray (posthumously)

Honorable Thelma Stovall (posthumously)

Mary Eugenia Wharton (posthumously)

From Women 4 Women:

[Have You Identified Your Personal Brand?](#)

When:

Thursday, April 11, 2013

Doors open at 5 p.m.;

Program 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

*****Opening night talk back with playwright Robin Rice Lichtig*****

Looking for [Lilith Theatre Company](#)

presents World Premiere Play as part of Women's

Beyond the Books: The power to Make a Difference is a workshop for teachers and counselors seeking to support their immigrant students

THURSDAY MARCH 14, 5-8:30 PM

LIMITED NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Mari Mujica, PhD, and Alexis Meza, DREAMer,

Journalist, and activist will facilitate this workshop in



Louisville Girls Leadership Presents Girls IdeaFestival

Louisville Girls Leadership will present Girls IdeaFestival on

February is **Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month:** For "Respect Week" by LovelsRespect.org [Is this Abuse?](#)

Relationship Ready Seminar for Single Women

March 23, 2013 from 10am - 12noon

Laws Lodge, located on the campus of Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, 1044 Alta Vista Road.

Registration: \$85(includes 15-min relationship consultation) **TO REGISTER:**

Email EmergingWoman@insightbb.com

PRESENTER: Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, C.M. Smith

Where: Girl Scouts of Kentuckiana
2115 Lexington Road
Louisville, KY

[Registration:](#)

\$20 - Join 4 a Voice Members

\$30 - Non-Members

Register now at w4w.org.

History Month: Strong-willed photographer Alice Austen takes on the Victorian World in **Alice in Black and White.**

Performances held at: **The MeX Theater** at The Kentucky Center, 501 West Main St. Louisville, Ky

conjunction with the exhibit of the photo-ethnographies.

Sueños de Mujer, Barreras de Inmigrante (Women's Dreams, Immigrant Barriers) which opens at Wayside Expressions Gallery, (**Wayside Christian Mission** Hotel Louisville, 120 West Broadway) this Friday. [E-Mail To Register](#)

Sunday April 21, 2013 from 1:30 to 6:00 pm at the **Spalding University** Center Building located at **824 South 4th Street Louisville, KY**. The event is free if you register online at www.bit.ly/gifestival otherwise the cost is \$5.00 at the door.

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